
HOUSE BILL 2965

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1 AN ACT Relating to commercial trailer vehicle license fees;
2 reenacting and amending RCW 43.84.092; adding a new section to chapter
3 46.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.68 RCW; creating new
4 sections; repealing RCW 46.16.068; and providing an effective date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that well-trained
7 commercial vehicle drivers will enhance safety and assist in
8 maintaining a competent work force in the state. Commercial vehicles
9 weigh several thousand pounds and are long in length which makes
10 handling, stopping, and cornering very difficult and creates
11 proportionally more wear and tear on the roads. The average commercial
12 vehicle operator will travel several thousand miles and will encounter
13 many different driving challenges each year.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 Commercial trailers that are used in conjunction with vehicles
17 subject to RCW 46.16.070 licensed for 26,000 pounds or more will be
18 subject to an annual license fee of thirty-six dollars in addition to

1 all other vehicle licensing fees. The license fee shall be collected
2 at the time of original and renewal registration. The state treasurer
3 shall deposit twenty percent of the revenue in the commercial vehicle
4 operator account created in section 3 of this act. The remainder of
5 the revenue shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund and will be
6 used solely for local government road maintenance and local freight
7 mobility grants. The department of transportation will develop,
8 implement, and administer the grant program. The speaker of the house
9 of representatives will appoint two representatives, one from each
10 caucus in the house, the president of the senate shall appoint two
11 senators, one from each caucus in the senate, and the governor shall
12 appoint a person to represent cities and a person to represent counties
13 to work with the department of transportation to develop the criteria
14 for the grant program. Entities wanting to obtain grants from the
15 department of transportation will submit design proposals to the
16 department of transportation and compete based on the established
17 criteria.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.68 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 The commercial vehicle operator account is created in the state
21 treasury. The state board of community and technical colleges shall
22 distribute the funds deposited into the account to community and
23 technical colleges to provide commercial vehicle operator training
24 programs. The funds shall be distributed to the technical and
25 community colleges each fiscal year based on the number of students
26 enrolled in the training programs in each college as a percentage of
27 the total state enrollment. The state board of community and technical
28 colleges will prepare and submit a report on the training programs to
29 the legislature for each fiscal year by September 1st of that year.
30 All receipts from the fee imposed in section 3 of this act must be
31 deposited in the account. Money in the account may be spent only after
32 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used for
33 commercial vehicle operator training provided by community and
34 technical colleges.

35 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.84.092 and 2005 c 514 s 1106, 2005 c 353 s 4, 2005

1 c 339 s 23, 2005 c 314 s 110, 2005 c 312 s 8, and 2005 c 94 s 2 are
2 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

3 (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state
4 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which
5 account is hereby established in the state treasury.

6 (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or receive
7 funds associated with federal programs as required by the federal cash
8 management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income account is
9 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
10 required for refunds or allocations of interest earnings required by
11 the cash management improvement act. Refunds of interest to the
12 federal treasury required under the cash management improvement act
13 fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require appropriation. The
14 office of financial management shall determine the amounts due to or
15 from the federal government pursuant to the cash management improvement
16 act. The office of financial management may direct transfers of funds
17 between accounts as deemed necessary to implement the provisions of the
18 cash management improvement act, and this subsection. Refunds or
19 allocations shall occur prior to the distributions of earnings set
20 forth in subsection (4) of this section.

21 (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury income
22 account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking services
23 on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to, depository,
24 safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state treasury and
25 affected state agencies. The treasury income account is subject in all
26 respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for
27 payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to
28 distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

29 (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings
30 credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall
31 credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the treasury
32 income account except:

33 (a) The following accounts and funds shall receive their
34 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's
35 average daily balance for the period: The capitol building
36 construction account, the Cedar River channel construction and
37 operation account, the Central Washington University capital projects
38 account, the charitable, educational, penal and reformatory

1 institutions account, the commercial vehicle operator account, the
2 common school construction fund, the county criminal justice assistance
3 account, the county sales and use tax equalization account, the data
4 processing building construction account, the deferred compensation
5 administrative account, the deferred compensation principal account,
6 the department of retirement systems expense account, the developmental
7 disabilities community trust account, the drinking water assistance
8 account, the drinking water assistance administrative account, the
9 drinking water assistance repayment account, the Eastern Washington
10 University capital projects account, the education construction fund,
11 the education legacy trust account, the election account, the emergency
12 reserve fund, The Evergreen State College capital projects account, the
13 federal forest revolving account, the freight mobility investment
14 account, the health services account, the public health services
15 account, the health system capacity account, the personal health
16 services account, the state higher education construction account, the
17 higher education construction account, the highway infrastructure
18 account, the high-occupancy toll lanes operations account, the
19 industrial insurance premium refund account, the judges' retirement
20 account, the judicial retirement administrative account, the judicial
21 retirement principal account, the local leasehold excise tax account,
22 the local real estate excise tax account, the local sales and use tax
23 account, the medical aid account, the mobile home park relocation fund,
24 the multimodal transportation account, the municipal criminal justice
25 assistance account, the municipal sales and use tax equalization
26 account, the natural resources deposit account, the oyster reserve land
27 account, the perpetual surveillance and maintenance account, the public
28 employees' retirement system plan 1 account, the public employees'
29 retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the public
30 facilities construction loan revolving account beginning July 1, 2004,
31 the public health supplemental account, the public works assistance
32 account, the Puyallup tribal settlement account, the real estate
33 appraiser commission account, the regional transportation investment
34 district account, the resource management cost account, the rural
35 Washington loan fund, the site closure account, the small city pavement
36 and sidewalk account, the special wildlife account, the state
37 employees' insurance account, the state employees' insurance reserve
38 account, the state investment board expense account, the state

1 investment board commingled trust fund accounts, the supplemental
2 pension account, the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account, the teachers'
3 retirement system plan 1 account, the teachers' retirement system
4 combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the tobacco prevention and control
5 account, the tobacco settlement account, the transportation
6 infrastructure account, the transportation partnership account, the
7 tuition recovery trust fund, the University of Washington bond
8 retirement fund, the University of Washington building account, the
9 volunteer fire fighters' and reserve officers' relief and pension
10 principal fund, the volunteer fire fighters' and reserve officers'
11 administrative fund, the Washington fruit express account, the
12 Washington judicial retirement system account, the Washington law
13 enforcement officers' and fire fighters' system plan 1 retirement
14 account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and fire fighters'
15 system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington public safety
16 employees' plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school employees'
17 retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the Washington state
18 health insurance pool account, the Washington state patrol retirement
19 account, the Washington State University building account, the
20 Washington State University bond retirement fund, the water pollution
21 control revolving fund, and the Western Washington University capital
22 projects account. Earnings derived from investing balances of the
23 agricultural permanent fund, the normal school permanent fund, the
24 permanent common school fund, the scientific permanent fund, and the
25 state university permanent fund shall be allocated to their respective
26 beneficiary accounts. All earnings to be distributed under this
27 subsection (4)(a) shall first be reduced by the allocation to the state
28 treasurer's service fund pursuant to RCW 43.08.190.

29 (b) The following accounts and funds shall receive eighty percent
30 of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or
31 fund's average daily balance for the period: The aeronautics account,
32 the aircraft search and rescue account, the county arterial
33 preservation account, the department of licensing services account, the
34 essential rail assistance account, the ferry bond retirement fund, the
35 grade crossing protective fund, the high capacity transportation
36 account, the highway bond retirement fund, the highway safety account,
37 the motor vehicle fund, the motorcycle safety education account, the
38 pilotage account, the public transportation systems account, the Puget

1 Sound capital construction account, the Puget Sound ferry operations
2 account, the recreational vehicle account, the rural arterial trust
3 account, the safety and education account, the special category C
4 account, the state patrol highway account, the transportation 2003
5 account (nickel account), the transportation equipment fund, the
6 transportation fund, the transportation improvement account, the
7 transportation improvement board bond retirement account, and the urban
8 arterial trust account.

9 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
10 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings
11 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16.068 (Trailing units--Permanent
13 plates) and 1998 c 321 s 32 & 1993 c 123 s 4 are each repealed.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act applies to registrations due on or
15 after April 1, 2007.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act takes effect July 1, 2006.

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